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300,000 WATCH
CREW FIGHT SHIP
FIRE IN HARBORSkyscrapers, Bridges, and
Water Front Black with
Spectators.

SEAMEN PREVENT PANIC

Flames Spurt from Steamer
with 700 Passengers After
Leaving Pier.

SKIPPER SAVES THE SITUATION

While Fireboats and Other Craft
Stand by, Heads Blazing Vessel
Up River and Docks Her.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, July 18.—At least 300,000 persons gathered on the Battery, the roofs and windows of skyscrapers, the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges and along the river front late this afternoon to watch the most spectacular steamship fire New York has seen since the burning of the General Slocum in the East River, in 1914, with its record of 1,400 deaths. The spectacle could be seen from every tall building in the east and south side of the Wall street section, and it is probable that half a million people saw some part of it.

The oil-burning steamship Massachusetts, with 700 passengers and a crew of more than 200, had cleared from her pier in the North River and swung into New York Bay shortly after 5 o'clock, when there came a sudden burst of flame from the upper works amidships, where the after funnel rose from the oil-tank room in the hold.

Heads Up East River.
Too far from his own pier to return with safety, Capt. H. W. Colbeth, who was on the bridge when the fire broke out, decided to land his ship at the Battery.

Swinging around, he found that all the available docking space was occupied by the Saturday afternoon excursion steamers. Still afraid to risk turning his vessel back into the North River, Capt. Colbeth rang for slow ahead and started to circle the Battery and run for a pier in the East River, two miles away.

By this time the Massachusetts was almost completely enveloped in dense, black smoke. It was impossible to rush her at any speed for fear the draft that would be caused would drive the flames all over the ship.

Crew Prevents Panic.
Every available man was at work rigging up fire hose and preparing to man the lifeboats, while squads told off from the crew herded the passengers at the stern and in the bow, as far from the blaze amidships as possible.

With her whistle blowing distress signals continuously, the Massachusetts slowly swung across the Battery front past Governors Island, and into the East River.

Half a dozen fireboats by this time were standing by, but Capt. Colbeth signalled that he thought it would be safer to go up the river, as he hoped to keep the flames partly under control until some way could be found to get the passengers ashore.

Harbor Craft Stand By.
The fireboats, blowing their sirens in a weird chorus to clear the pathway of shipping, conveyed the Massachusetts up stream, while practically all the small craft in the harbor steamed up to stand by in case more assistance was needed.

The passengers, badly frightened, were kept from panic only by the heroic work of the squads detailed to look after them, but as the smoke grew denser and settled down about the decks it became apparent that it would be impossible to control them much longer.

At last the blazing steamer crawled into the Wallabout market slip, between the Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges, and made fast. The smoke soon died down and when the fireboat crews had joined their efforts to those of the seamen on the Massachusetts the blaze was extinguished.

Torch Started Blaze.
The great Manhattan Bridge and the Brooklyn Bridge were black with people who had rushed on street cars, elevated trains and taxicabs to view the blaze, news of which had spread all over Lower Manhattan with incredible swiftness. The Battery and the river front also were densely packed and every one who watched expected that at any moment the oil tanks in the Massachusetts might blow up and shatter the ship.

In less than an hour, however, the blaze was out, and after making a few necessary repairs the ship resumed its trip to Boston. Capt. Colbeth reported that the fire had been caused by the drooping of a torch into the oily slush in the bilge when the first assistant engineer carried the torch into the shaft room, to inspect the machinery.

POLICE KILL FOUR STRIKERS.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
St. Petersburg, July 18.—Four striking miners, at the Punnett Manufacturing Works were shot down by the police today and may die. Sixty thousand men are on strike.

LATE RAIL KING'S SON HURT

Special to The Washington Herald.
Cleveland, Ohio, July 18.—W. L. Ayer, railroad king, son of the late railroad king, was at the annual meeting of the directors at the annual meeting of the directors of the Western Union telegraph company, when he was thrown from his horse, his horse injured, and the accident ended in an accident late today. Harrison was driving a horse, owned by Robert Goetz, of New York. Harrison sustained some bruises, but is not seriously hurt.

KILLS TELEGRAPHER, ESCAPES.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Chicago, July 18.—Briscoe J. Lee, a telegrapher in the employ of the Western Union telegraph company, was fatally stabbed late this afternoon by a man whose name is said to be McElroy. Lee died in a hospital an hour later. The murderer escaped. The stabbing occurred in Imperial Court, in the rear of the Western Union Building.

MILITIA BUGLE
GREET TRADERSChamber of Commerce Party
and Naval Boys Salute
at Old Point.

EVERYBODY IS HAPPY

"It's Gude Everywhere," and After
Dinner There's Plenty of Tansing for
"Tired Business Men."

By CHARLES M. CLARK.
(Staff Correspondent of The Washington Herald.)

Old Point Comfort, Va., July 18.—"Ta-tar-rata-a-a!"

Long drawn out, echoing far over the blue-gray waves that were just being kissed good-night by the departing sun, came from the grim, majestic battleship Rhode Island the military bugle salute, as the steamboat Newport News edged its way into its pier here, shortly after 6 o'clock tonight.

"Ta-tar-rata-a-a!"
As the full tone of the salute softly melted away in a cool, inspiring breeze, there came from scores of throats a mighty cheer and from the Newport News deck waved handkerchiefs and hats galore toward the big man-of-war.

Exchange Hearty Greeting.

Thus did the members of the Chamber of Commerce, their wives and children, on the steamer, and the District Naval Militia "boys" exchange greeting, for when Washington's business men arrived at Old Point Comfort they were "greeted" by the citizens-militia on the Rhode Island who had arrived here to day from the cruise to Bermuda.

Somewhat rocked the boat on the way down. Not once, but as we say at the club, "several" times.

"Gude, Gude everywhere," exclaimed somebody laughingly, commenting upon the happy faces of members of the Gude tribe—"W. F." the genial "commander" of the Chamber, had brought along his whole family.

But that, of course, had nothing to do with the rocking of the boat, though the Gudes, like the rest of the "bunch," moved around lively and frequently. Swiftness of entertainment numbers were offered on the trip by Albert Schmitt, D. J. Callahan, Ralph W. Lee, George H. Judah, Lefthand Sinclair, John Dolph, and H. C. C. Stiles, who is chairman of the entertainment committee.

Dinner was partaken of at the Chamber Hotel soon after our arrival here. Tonight there was "some" dancing party on the beach pavilion. Well, there was the tango, fishwalk, hesitation and max-tre-yes, also some old-fashioned polkas and waltzes. The "dance went on" until "the cool of the evening." A "hot time" was had by all.

Tomorrow the visitors will trolley and auto to various places of interest around here.

VAN BUREN'S NIECE STARVED.

Once Washington Social Light, She Dies in Tenement.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, July 18.—Miss Mary Fowler Van Buren, a little old woman, direct descendant of President Martin Van Buren, once wealthy and once a "social power" in Washington, was found dead of starvation in her little flat at 43 East Twenty-seventh street today.

Her death brought forth the fact that she is not the only one of the Van Buren family to die of starvation; for in 1905, Martin Van Buren, a nephew of the president, virtually succumbed to starvation in an Albany lodging house, having spent his patrimony. Miss Van Buren was his sister. She had been a clerk in a Washington office until three years ago when she came to New York and it was reported that she owned bonds to the amount of \$100,000.

Edward Irving, superintendent of the building in which the aged woman died said she had been able to support herself by the sale of a few remaining bonds she had saved from unfortunate speculation.

MAY BE NEW ENVOY TO GREECE

Prof. Garrett Droppers, of Williams College, will in all probability be nominated as Minister to Greece and Montenegro to fill the post vacated by George Fred Williams. Prof. I. M. Garrett, of Goucher, is also among those whose names have been mentioned among the diplomatic "entries."

St. Louis to Frederick, Ky., and New York, July 18.—Arrived today: Cull, Liverpool, July 9; Buffalo, July 12.

PACKERS BLAME
CATTLE SHORTAGEQueried by The Herald, They
Explain the Present High
Cost of Beef.

LITTLE HOPE OF DROP

Argentine Beef Has Not Helped Situation
Any—Closed Season for
Calves, Would Benefit.

In an effort to learn the causes of the recent advances in the price of beef and the outlook for prices in the future, The Washington Herald telegraphed several large packers as follows:

The Herald would like to publish today a statement from you regarding the high prices of meat. How much is the advance over last year? What are the causes? What is the outlook for prices in the future? Would a close season for calves help toward replenishing the supply of steers?

The first reply, from the Cudahy Packing Company, blaming shortage of cattle for high prices, follows:

Cudahy Company's Reply.
Chicago, July 18.—Answering your wire, United States government census figures show that number of beef cattle in the country has been steadily decreasing, while the population has been increasing, consequently new high records have been established for live cattle prices.

A year ago, anticipating this shortage, the Cudahy Packing Company contracted for large quantities of foreign beef and mutton, but we have been having hard work disposing of it. We have had New Zealand (Australian) frozen beef and mutton on sale in the principal Eastern cities, and have shipped it to Pittsburgh, Chicago, and other Western cities, and have not been able to realize cost on it. We are selling in Eastern cities large quantities of Argentine chilled beef at 15 to 20 per cent under our cost of domestic beef. We look for no relief from the high cost of beef until there is an increased production of cattle in proportion to the increase in population.

CUDAHY PACKING COMPANY.

Sulzberger & Sons Co. took the same view as Cudahy. They telegraphed as follows:

Union Stock Yards, Illinois, July 18.—Replying to your telegraphic request for an expression from us regarding prices of meat:

It is our opinion present prices prevailing on meat are due solely to decreased supply of live stock and future trend of great prices will depend on supply of live stock.

Discontinuing of killing of calves would undoubtedly help toward replenishing the country's supply of beef cattle.

SULZBERGER & SONS CO.

Morris & Co.'s telegram compared the prices of today with a year ago. It follows:

Chicago, July 18.—Cattle selling this week Chicago market from \$7.75 to \$10 per hundred, and compared with prices year ago same time are from \$7.19 to \$9.15. Stopping slaughter of calves necessarily means more beef.

MORRIS & CO.

"BOSS" BARNES TAKES
CRACK AT ROOSEVELTWill Fight Any Candidate Seeking
Both G. O. P. and Bull Moose
Nomination for Governor.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, July 18.—William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the Republican State committee, of New York, declared today that he would oppose to the last ditch any man who attempted to obtain both the Republican and Progressive nominations for governor.

This is Barnes' answer to the controversy which has arisen over Theodore Roosevelt's claim that District Attorney Whitman, a Republican candidate for governor, first wrote and then repudiated a letter in which he made a bid for the Progressive support by denouncing Barnes as an impossible boss. At the same time Mr. Barnes paid his respects to Roosevelt in these words:

"This controversy makes certain that in the future no man with an ounce of intelligence will attempt to deal with Roosevelt." And he continued, "I shall consider it my duty as chairman of the Republican State committee to oppose with all the power of my office any man who is seeking even a Progressive nomination for governor."

It is reported that Barnes has a plan under way to induce Elihu Root to reconsider his refusal to be a candidate for the Senatorial nomination.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, July 18.—Arrived today: Cull, Liverpool, July 9; Buffalo, July 12.

Departed—Camden, Glasgow, Imperator, Hamburg, Berlin, Bremen; Minnetonka, London; Belvedere, Naples-Trieste; Lapland, Dover-Antwerp; G. Waldessa, Hamburg.

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SEAMROCK HEADED THIS WAY.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
South Cuba to The Washington Herald.

Osprey, England, July 18.—The challenging yacht Shamrock IV, with which Sir Thomas Lipton hopes to lift the American Cup sailed for the United States today, bearing with her the best wishes of the British public. When the yacht left the yards, where she was built, all the shipping craft in the harbor whistled a rousing farewell. W. F. Burton, skipper of the yacht, said she would put in at Plymouth before heading to sea. The Shamrock IV will travel the southerly route, passing by the Canary islands.

The challenger was equipped with ketch rigging and compasses for the trip and her owner expressed the belief the boat would not be weakened by the voyage. She is expected in New York the middle of August. Sir Thomas received scores of telegrams from all parts of Europe wishing his yacht success.

MOTHER OFFERS
LIFE FOR VICTIMMrs. A. H. Pearce Willing to
Give Blood to Heal Son's
Auto Wounds.

CAR OVERTURNS; 2 HURT

Chauffeur Took Employer's Machine,
Without Consent, Is Charged—Mis-
hap Near Baltimore.

Mrs. A. H. Pearce, of 1208 Eighteenth street northwest, yesterday offered her own blood to save the life of her son, McCord Pearce, who was seriously injured when the automobile which they were driving overturned on the Chapel road, near Baltimore, early yesterday morning.

Skin grafting and blood transfusion will be necessary to save the Pearce boy's life, and the mother stands ready to make the sacrifice.

Heid in Baltimore.

Pearce, who is chauffeur for Mrs. Tallmadge A. Lambert, of the Dresden apartments, and who, according to Mrs. Lambert, took the machine against her express warning, is charged by the Baltimore police with taking a machine without the owner's permission. He will be arraigned upon his release from the hospital if Mrs. Lambert decides to prosecute him.

Eight young Washington men were in the automobile when it crashed into the fence guard. The accident occurred eight miles west of Baltimore.

Pearce received a compound fracture of the left leg and a fracture of the skull. A great amount of skin was torn from the lower limb and side. The muscles were ripped apart and cut into shreds.

May Die from Wounds.

Frank Phillips, twenty-eight years old, of 622 G street northwest, was seriously, perhaps fatally, injured. His right arm was so badly broken and torn that an amputation will be necessary. He suffered severe cuts and bruises on the head and face and internal injuries which may produce death.

The other six men in the car, according to the Baltimore and Washington police, were: Paul Bonardis, of 227 Third street northwest; Paul and Joe Scalla, of 225 H street northwest; William N. Duval, 247 M street northwest; Arthur S. Bridgett, 2212 G street northwest; and Arthur L. Nelson, of 2034 I street northwest.

Without Her Consent.

The car was new and had been in use but two days. It was taken from its garage, the police say, without Mrs. Lambert's consent. At the time of the accident it was being driven by Nelson, while Pearce, the chauffeur, was in the rear, sitting on the top of the left side door.

Nelson returned to Washington yesterday afternoon in company with Detective Boyle, of the Washington police. He told the police he was running the car at a speed of about twenty-five miles an hour when the crash came, but detectives who investigated the wreck say the machine must have been making at least fifty.

MERCHANTS DOING BIG
OUT-OF-TOWN BUSINESSMembers of Retail Association, De-
spite Hot Weather, Busy Filling
Parcel Post Orders.

The warm weather is not interfering with retail trade in Washington, according to reports reaching the offices of the Retail Merchants' Association.

The Washington public, it seems, is realizing more and more that the National Capital is an ideal shopping center, and the merchants are enjoying a larger out-of-town trade with their regular customers who have gone to mountain and seashore resorts than ever before. A larger number of local retail merchants of the association are making a specialty of prompt service to out-of-town trade, orders being sent by express or parcel post.

R. F. Andrews, president of the association, has sent out a call for the monthly meeting of the board of governors for Friday night, at 8 o'clock. Much business has accumulated for the consideration of the board and it is expected there will be a large attendance.

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CARMAN'S FACE
SUIT BY BURNSDetective Instructs Attorney
to Bring \$50,000 Action
for Libel.

PROSECUTOR IS HOT, TOO

Angry at Accused Woman's Charges,
Says He Knows Enough to Indict
Her for Murder Yet.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Freeport, N. Y., July 18.—Stung by the criticism which Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman and her husband have heaped upon him since the former was indicted yesterday for the killing of Mrs. Louise Bailey in Dr. Carman's office two weeks ago, District Attorney Smith tonight looked out in return, declaring that Celia Coleman can tell enough about what took place on the day of the shooting to indict Mrs. Carman for first degree murder, yet.

In so many words the district attorney declared that if Dr. Carman and his wife persisted in calling him a "snake in the grass" he might ask the grand jury to reconsider the indictment with the added evidence he has obtained against the woman. Also he threatened a suit for criminal libel against them.

All Evidence Not Told.
The district attorney's wrathful threat came just as he was about to leave Freeport when Sheriff Pettit for a fortnight's vacation.

"Why," he flared up, "if Celia Coleman had recalled all the details of what she really knew about this case, had she told the grand jury everything, they could not have done otherwise than bring in an indictment of first degree murder—or second degree at the least."

"Mrs. Carman attacks me," the district attorney went on, "and her husband calls me a snake in the grass. This is a bit indecent and unseemly, considering that eighteen of her friends have decided that she really did kill Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Carman should be the most thankful woman on earth that she has not to go on trial for her life."

"Attacks on me personally make little impression. But the Carmans are attacking the office of district attorney and that must stop. If it does not, I shall invoke the law on both of them. If certain facts now in my possession, are substantiated, Mrs. Carman will never be tried upon the charge of manslaughter. Another, a more serious charge, will be made."

"I have been too generous in my treatment of her. She was never frank with me. Celia Coleman told me in Mincelo that Frank Farrell is telling the truth. The statement that he is a Burns' man is absurd. For the Carmans to say that I would hire a man to testify falsely against her is the grossest criminal libel."

Incidentally, both Mr. Carman and his wife, who remained close to the house today, have utterly changed their tactics, refusing sharply to discuss the case with newspapermen any further.

"I'm through talking to you people," shouted Dr. Carman when asked for an interview. "I don't want anything to do with you."

However, he did relent enough to "dare" Detective Burns to bring a suit for libel against him. "Tell him to go ahead and sue," he said. "I won't take back anything and neither will Mrs. Carman."

The additional testimony that Celia Coleman is supposed to be holding back for the trial is alleged to be that Mrs. Carman was hiding something under her arm when she went through the kitchen upstairs after the shooting. The tramp Farrell is not to be released until after the trial.

Burns to File Libel Suit.
New York, July 18.—Detective W. J. Burns announced today that he had instructed his attorney to sue Dr. Carman and Attorney Levy for \$50,000 each for defamation of character.

Burns said today:

"It is to be expected that an attack of that kind would be made upon me. People who are guilty always 'knock.' It is interesting to watch the antics of Carman and his wife and their attorney going into spasms over what's going to happen to them. They never have given a thought to poor Mrs. Duryea or the child that was left motherless. They have never said anything about the woman who was slain in cold blood. There is no mystery in the murder of Mrs. Bailey. The footprints are absolutely perfect. There is no doubt Mrs. Carman fired the shot."

EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH

"You Tried to Kill Me Once," Says
Assassin; Shoots and Flee.

Special to The Washington Herald.
St. Louis, July 18.—Felix Anderson, assistant to President McChesney, of the Terminal Road Association, today was shot by a man believed to be a member of the I. W. W. In the office of the Terminal at the Union Station. The assassin escaped. The man went into McChesney's outer office and demanded to see the president. Anderson answered him as such, and the man said:

"You tried to kill me once, I am going to kill you now."

He then drew a revolver, which Mr. Anderson seized. In the struggle the assassin managed to fire a shot, the bullet entering Mr. Anderson's left shoulder.

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PRESIDENT OF MEXICO AND FORMER DICTATOR



Upper picture, Francisco Carranza; lower picture, Gen. Huerta.

HOME RULE TENSION
DISTINCTLY EASIERGreat Importance Attaches Itself to
Asquith's Speech Tomorrow Be-
fore House of Commons.

FAIR CHANCE FOR SETTLEMENT

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
London, July 18.—The home rule situation, which was very grave Friday night, is now distinctly easier. There is a more hopeful prospect for settlement by consent than there has been for a long time.

Meetings occurred today between Premier Asquith and Bonar Law, who is in close touch with Sir Edward Carson, and between Sir Lloyd George and John Redmond, the Nationalist leader. King George was kept fully informed of the progress of their negotiations and throughout the morning there was a brisk exchange of dispatches between Buckingham Palace and Downing street.

King George arranged to leave London at 9:30 o'clock in the morning for the naval review at Spithead, but deferred his departure until late this afternoon, Premier Asquith joining the party as minister in attendance.

After today's negotiations exceptional importance attaches itself to Premier Asquith's speech before the Commons on Monday on the second reading of the home rule amendment bill, which was drastically altered on its passage through the House of Lords.

On the measure of self-government the Liberals and Laborites are as one with the Irish party, but it is understood that the premier will on Monday outline a plan, the substance of which will ultimately form the basis of solution. The plan briefly is that the four counties in the northeast of Ulster, namely, Antrim, Down, Armagh and Londonderry, be given an opportunity of voting together on their exclusion for an indefinite period.

CREW WALKED ASHORE.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Newport, R. I., July 18.—Revenue cutters which went to the assistance of the schooner T. W. Cooper, stranded near the west arm of the Point Judith breakwater, were unable to locate the vessel during the night, because of the fog, and continued their search today. The crew walked ashore last night. The schooner was high and dry, and there appeared to be little chance of saving her.

"KISSING PRINCIPAL" JOBLESS.

Hackensack, N. J., July 18.—Prof. Lafayette Talbot, who was dubbed the "Kissing Principal," when he was dismissed by the Solomon school board for kissing a schoolboy, is again out of a job. The local school trustees who engaged him after the Hoboken incident, have decided to let him go.

HUERTA EXPLAINS
WHY HE QUIT AND
WHY HE LEAVESInforms Correspondents He
Resigned Because He Had
Settled Country's Affairs.

PEACE HIS ONLY MOTIVE

Asserts He Is Departing Sole-
ly to Give New Government
Perfect Freedom.

PUTS QUESTIONS, THEN REPLIES

Gives Autograph and Five-pee Gold
Piece to Each Reporter and Poses
for Photographers and Movies.

BULLETIN.

Puerto Mexico, July 18.—Gen. Huerta has announced that he probably will leave tomorrow about noon on the German cruiser Dresden. The entire colony of Huertistas ex-patriots will establish a permanent base at Santander, Spain, although Huerta himself intends to travel in Europe before settling down there.

In a second interview granted late tonight Huerta, although still refusing to discuss politics, admitted that the ambition of his life is to meet Francisco Villa on the battlefield.

By JOHN K. WINKLER.

Puerto Mexico, July 18.—A subtle, ant, epic and span in a new uniform and polished leggings, stepped out of Gen. Huerta's private car, on a private siding, here this morning and beckoned to the waiting newspaper correspondents.

"The President wishes to see you," he said.

Gen. Huerta, surrounded by his staff, met the correspondents at the door of his car. He was attired in a closely buttoned white coat similar to those worn by Pullman porters. A sporty light gray cap was pulled down over his eyes, which twinkled behind light-fitting nose glasses.

Questions Himself.
Huerta smilingly invited the reporters to be seated, announcing that he would answer all questions put to him. He chuckled at the look of disappointment on the faces of the correspondents as they dictated two questions to himself. The first was:

"Why do you resign?"

"I have resigned because I have arranged the distressing internal affairs of Mexico. I believe that my action gives the last proof to all loyal sons of the republic of my desire to bring peace to the country. I am convinced that my resignation will result in the consolidation of all the sons of the republic."

Peace His Motive.

The second question that he asked himself was:

"Why are you leaving the country, when you can still serve it?"

"My departure from the country is solely for the sake of giving perfect freedom of action to the new government. My presence here would give rise to conjectures which would prevent the pacification plans of the new government."

"I declare to the world that the line of conduct I have followed has no other motive than peace to the country."

Huerta refused to say a word more, to tell his plans or the hour of his departure. He would not even say whether he would leave by the British cruiser Bristol or German cruiser Dresden.

Poses for "Movies."

He signed the correspondents' notebook, and insisted upon giving each a five-pee gold piece as a souvenir. He posed willingly for photographers. He also posed for the moving pictures.

"When I come to New York," Huerta said with a smile, "I'll buy you a dinner, provided I have money enough, otherwise you can be my hosts."

Some one remarked, "If you come to the United States we will make you President."

Huerta laughed grimly and replied:

"In this country the wardens of prisons are called Presidents. Do you want to make me warden of Sing Sing?"

Then he re-entered his private car. As he did so a significant incident occurred. Up to this moment a great crowd, which had been stopped by a line of soldiers around Huerta's train, had seemed apathetic. Now they closed in and set up a mighty chorus of "vivas" for Huerta.

All morning long Huerta and Gen. Blanquet held a series of conferences in the private car. The blinds were drawn.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

SENATE.

Senate passed deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$5,075,000, after less than two hours' debate.

Senators Thomas and Brewster, of Kansas, and Reed and Stone, of Missouri, delivered eulogies to the memory of George Washington Gluck, formerly governor of Kansas.

Judiciary Committee practically completed work on Clayton anti-trust bill. Adjourned until noon tomorrow.

HOUSE.

The House spent all day in general debate on general dam bill.

Secretary of Navy Daniels was witness before Public Lands Committee.

Labor Committee reported Maher bill, prescribing new method for fixing wages of mechanics and artisans in government navy yards and arsenals.

Adjourned until noon tomorrow.